Setting up of International size shipyards in Kerala

362. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up two international size shipyards, one in the East Coast and other in the West Coast, if so, the salient features of this proposal;

(b) whether the Kerala Government has proposed in response to the decision of the Centre to establish this shipyard either at Poovar in Trivandrum Distt. near Vizhinjam (First Priority) or at Mattool near Azhikkal Port at Kannur Distt. as second priority; and

(c) whether these proposals are examined and decision taken, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) There is a proposal under the National Maritime Development Programme for setting up of two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and the other in the West Coast. A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Indian Ports Association to identify and facilitate setting up of these international size shipyards. The report of the Committee has been received and is under consideration.

(b) and (c) A Memorandum submitted by the Government of Kerala includes a request for sanctioning a proposal forwarded for setting up of two international size shipyards, one at Poovar near Vizinjham and the other at Mettool. Further information from the Government of Kerala is awaited.

Stretches of roads in Tamil Nadu for conversion into National Highways

363. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stretches of roads in Tamil Nadu that are taken up/ proposed to be taken up for conversion into National Highways;